(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Conversion of Railway Line From Lohardaga to Ranchi

2900. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to convert the metre gauge line linking the Lohardaga with Ranchi in Bihar into broad gauge line; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Setting up of New Refineries

2901. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA:
SHRI VISHWESHWAR BHAGAT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up new oil refineries to meet the increasing demand;

(b) if so, the names of areas where these are proposed to be set up;

(c) whether survey work has been completed in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have received requests for setting up an oil refinery, gas cracker plant and down stream units in Madhya Pradesh; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d). New refinery projects at Mangalore, Narimanam, Karnal and Numaligarh are at various stages of approval/implementations.

(e) and (f). There is a proposal to set up a refinery in Central India. Government of Madhya Pradesh has requested from time to time for reconsideration of the rejection of the application of Madhya Pradesh Audyogik Vikas Nigam Limited for an Industrial licence for a gas cracker complex.

[*Translation*]

Maheshwar Hydel Project in Madhya Pradesh

2902. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether techno-economic approval has been accorded to the Maheshwar Hydel Power Project in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this project is at present pending with the Ministry of Environment and Forests for its approval; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Maheshwar

Hydro-Electric Project (10x40 MW=400 MW) has been cleared by Central Electricity Authority on 9.5.1989 at an estimated cost of *Rs. 465.63 crores.*

(c) and (d). The Project authorities have submitted revised rehabilitation and resettlement plans and catchment area treatment plan to Ministry of Environment and Forests for obtaining environment clearance.

Production and Requirement of LPG

2903. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the requirement of LPG in the country during last year, estimated during the current year and for the next four years; and

(b) the quantity of LPG supplied during last year and the estimated quantity of LPG likely to be supplied this year and in the next four years, the percentage of LPG extracted from total natural gas?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a)

		(in '000 MT)
	1990-91	2423
	1991-92	2527
	1992-93	2689
	1993-94	2864
	1994-95	3245
(b)	1990-91	2417
	1991-92	2495
	1992-93	2629
	1993-94	2803
	1994-95	3184

The percentage of LPG extraction varies from place to place depending on the composition of the natural gas.

[*English*]

Railway Services in Bombay

2904. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Save Bombay Committee had sent representations in March, 1990 regarding 'railway commuter service in Metropolitan Bombay' and 'status paper on Indian Railways some issue and options' respectively; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken thereon?